

August 15, 2005
Regular Session

Minutes

Members present

D.C. Swaim- Chairman
Brady Wooten- Vice- Chairman
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner
Allen Sneed- Commissioner

Members Absent

Leon Casstevens- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager
Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board
James Graham- Attorney

Chairman Swaim called the meeting to order. Commissioner Sneed had the invocation. Brett Doss, student representative from Boonville Elementary, led the pledge of allegiance.

Public Hearing- Zoning

Kim Bates, Zoning Supervisor, presented amendments to Article 11. Table of Uses and Zoning Article 16. Conditional Uses: Wine Tasting Rooms would be added to the Table of Uses as a Conditional Use in the Rural Agriculture and Community Business districts. This was approved by the Planning Board.

Yancy St. John, Swan Creek, discussed the land between he and his son and vineyards should not be allowed in residential areas.

Chairman Swaim closed the public hearing.

Public comments

Yancy St. John, Swan Creek, stated he appreciated the cooperation from the Board in helping obtain the new sign for the Swan Creek area. He talked about signs for Brooks Crossroads.

Minutes

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to approve the minutes with the noted changes. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Governing Body- Mick Staton

Mick Staton with Capitol Links reviewed the contract for Yadkin County. Mr. Staton reviewed the services provided to the county and the responsibilities of the county. He reviewed the projects which have been submitted for grant possibilities. Mr. Staton discussed his retainer fee of \$4,000 per month and that he has billed the county to date \$81,722.10. He reported on the \$900,000 plus EDA Grant. The contract states Mr. Staton will help the county obtain four grants. Mr. Staton agreed to highlight grant information of importance to Yadkin County.

Tax Administration- auditing, refunds and adjustments

Terry Rowland, Tax Management Associates, presented information about his company's services and how they could benefit Yadkin County. His company specializes in personal property auditing for businesses. He stated the cost for the service would be a flat fee depending on the size of the audit which usually averages a \$1,000 with a 35% recovery rate.

Mr. Rowland stated there are 1,100 businesses in Yadkin County and they would choose 150 of these businesses to be audited; they are picked at random. The audits are done on site.

The Board questioned the audits that are challenged.

Mr. Rowland stated less than 1%.

The Board discussed their role in an appeal.

Attorney Graham stated the county would be involved but Tax Management would be there to support their findings.

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to approve the tax adjustments and refunds. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Name/reason	Year	Total
Carl Matthews 3137 Smithtown Road East Bend, N.C. 27108 Charged for outbuildings that have been destroyed	2000-2004	\$425.35

Animal Control- shelter

Mr. Wood presented the final payment for the construction of the animal shelter.

Commissioner Wooten stated the following items need to be corrected at the animal shelter:

- Post seals not filled
- Latch bolts on cages, hardware missing- not galvanized
- Doors of wire cages-wires loose
- Cracks
- Cages with low spots-allows water to accumulate
- Removal of concrete- left spots on the floor
- Cat room window?
- Doors are not lined up
- Trap doors different sizes, metal piece not secured
- Welded gate hinges-no clamps-too close to wall
- Screws in ceilings-will work loose-should be screwed in frame
- Cable pulleys
- Emergency lights
- Large roof-is vent adequate to cool
- Grass on grounds- reseed or replace
- Parking lot-graded bank-dumps water directly on the parking lot
- Review grading plan

Commissioner Phillips added:

- Paint touch up not the same colors
- Nail heads are sticking out
- Compressor and refrigerator are on the same breaker- will kick off if both come on
- Leland cypress dead

Commissioner Sneed stated he presented a check list earlier but never received a response. He questioned when the drains were moved and cut out of the floor, was there proper rebar and wire installed. He would like the contractor to come before the Board and address these issues. He also asked if the doors in the pens should have been electrical and he would like the vinyl eaves on the south side checked; not smooth, wavy and the right corner peak has a piece missing.

Commissioner Wooten inquired who is responsible for the grading?

Mr. Wood stated the grading plan was reviewed by the state and the contractor; it is still the responsibility of the contractor.

Commissioner Wooten requested the contractor come before the Board and address these issues and the county not sign off on the last bill until these items have been addressed.

Mr. Wood stated he would give the list to the architect and he would get with the contractor.

EMS

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended
Training/travel	1054330-54010	\$6,400	\$8,708	\$15,108
EMS-Homeland Sec Grant-SHSGP	1044330-42306	\$0	\$8,708	\$8,708

Budget amendment is for training and exercises for emergency responders. Funds are from the FY2003 Part 1 Department of Homeland Security Grant administered by the North Carolina Emergency Management Homeland Security Branch.

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended
Equipment-Capital Outlay	1054330-56010	\$8,600	\$83,295	\$91,895
EMS-Homeland Sec. Grant SHSGP	1044330-42306	\$8,708	\$83,295	\$92,003

Budget amendment is for security cameras, monitors, and recorders for the courthouse, and rescue and emergency response equipment. Funds are from the FY 2003/20004 Department of Homeland Security administered by the North Carolina Emergency Management Homeland Security Branch.

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to approve the budget amendments. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Finance-budget amendment

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended
Appropriated Fund Balance	1044000-49000	\$676,120	(\$258,400)	\$417,720
Current Tax	1044140-41100	\$13,547,759	\$258,400	\$13,806,159

To record the \$40,000 of taxable property that was on reserve for appeal at the beginning of the fiscal year 2005-2006.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Wooten seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Sheriff –budget amendment

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to approve the budget amendment with the change in the insurance line item (change amount from \$40,000 to \$20,000) Chairman Swaim seconded. The Board voted 3-1. Commissioner Wooten opposed.**

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended
Appropriated Fund Balance	1044000-49000	\$494,068	\$162,052	\$656,120
Salaries	1054310-51010	1,028,533	123,448	1,151,981
Social Security	1054310-51300	66,854	6,424	73,278
Medicare	1054310-51310	15,427	1,711	17,138
Retirement	1054310-51330	61,958	7,276	69,234
LEO Retirement	1054310-51332	57,095	2,000	59,095
Group Insurance	1054310-51350	165,000	20,000	185,000
401K	1054310-51360	10,327	1,193	11,520

To record the reinstatement of four liaison officers approved by the Board on August 1, 2005.

Animal Control-appointments

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to form a three member board to hear appeals on vicious dogs. He recommended Mike Reavis, Dr. Rhys Long and Fred Gentry. The alternates would be Gayle Brown and Donald Hawks. Chairman Swaim seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Phillips asked how the departments are doing with their budgets? Are there employees taking days off without pay?

Mr. Wood stated the departments are making adjustments; some reducing hours, others days off without pay.

Commissioner Phillips asked about the meeting with Jonesville.

Mr. Wood stated he has spoken with the Mayor and the Mayor indicated he would contact the other Board members.

Commissioner Phillips inquired about loans and grants for the county.

Mr. Wood informed the Board that meetings with Roger Davis, Rural Development, and the LGC have been set for August 18th in Raleigh.

Commissioner Phillips commented about BEPCO not coming together; are they within the contract agreement?

Mr. Wood stated yes and the company should be moved by the end of the contract.

Commissioner Sneed commented several Yadkin County citizens have been hired.

Commissioner Wooten inquired about economic grants; could they help BEPCO?

Mr. Wood stated yes and there are other options which could help BEPCO.

Commissioner Wooten stated Yadkin County is a Tier 3 and the county should be looked upon more favorable.

Commissioner Phillips asked about zoning violations.

Attorney Graham stated he is getting information from other counties.

Commissioner Wooten asked about the EMS drawings and if the land situation had been settled.

Attorney Graham stated he is working on solving the issue.

Mr. Wood stated the drawings for the EMS stations should be ready Wednesday.

Commissioner Wooten asked about fees for the animal shelter.

Mr. Wood stated there are fees charged for boarding an animal.

Commissioner Wooten inquired about a county-wide leash law.

Commissioner Wooten suggested the following hours for the animal shelter:

- Monday 10:00- 12:00
- Tuesday 3:00-5:00
- Wednesday closed
- Thursday 10:00-12:00 and 3:00-5:00
- Friday closed

The Board suggested talking with the Animal Control Supervisor about the hours.

Commissioner Wooten asked if there is any legal recourse that could be taken against the consultant?

Mr. Wood responded he was not sure. The design did not work; the consultant is responsible.

Commissioner Wooten stated the manager of Papa's Pizza approached him about the possibility of using some of the Mackie property for parking.

Mr. Wood stated there are safety issues with the parking. The Board would have to draw-up a lease.

The Board agreed to talk with the manager and check with the town to be sure it could be done. Mr. Wood will work with Attorney Graham to develop a lease.

Commissioner Wooten asked if the costs of the repairs at the courthouse could come from the court fees.

Mr. Wood stated yes they could, but there is no money in the fund.

Commissioner Sneed discussed the heating and air conditioning in the Magistrate's office.

Ms. Vestal responded that it is a duct problem and a service call has been made to the company.

Commissioner Wooten presented a petition from the Mountain Crest Development residents regarding water and sewer needs. ***Commissioner Wooten made a motion to assist with the petition and work with the Town of Jonesville with applying for grants. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Commissioner Phillips stated the Board does not need to put more work on Mr. Wood when the Board has already indicated that I-77 and Hwy 421 are high priorities.

Mr. Wood stated he will meet with the town. He suggested discussing the project with the COG and allow them to do the leg work.

Commissioner Sneed discussed the Bill regarding taxes owed and the issuance of permits.

Mr. Wood stated the Bill has passed and counties can piggyback.

The Board discussed the Bill and how it would work for the county

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion that if back taxes are owed, permits will not be issued. Motion withdrawn.**

Mr. Bates added they would have to call the tax office each time a permit is issued.

Commissioner Sneed suggested the Board discuss this more in detail at the next meeting.

Commissioner Sneed stated environmental inspections are behind; not being inspected in a timely manner. He understands there is a position vacant, what are the plans to fill the position?

Mr. Wood stated that Mr. Reavis is discussing the position with the Board of Health and would be reporting to the Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Swaim commended Mr. St. John on his perseverance in obtaining the new signs for the Swan Creek area.

The Board agreed to move the first Monday meeting (September 5) to Tuesday, September 6th due the Labor Day holiday.

Manager comments

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the changes to Zoning Article 11. Table of Uses and Zoning Article 16. Conditional Uses, adding Wine Tasting to the table of uses as approved by the Planning Board. Commissioner Wooten seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Mr. Wood informed the Board that the EMS station in Jonesville has successfully hooked on to the water system in Jonesville, but now the sewer has failed. It would cost approximately \$2,000 to connect to Jonesville.

The Board discussed a gravity line.

Mr. Wood asked who would be going to Raleigh to meet Roger Davis, Rural Development. Commissioners Phillips and Wooten stated they would be going.

Mr. Wood informed the Board a representative from Congresswoman Foxx's office would be here on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 1 to 4.

Adjournment

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board

